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Hiring Outlook

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As PUC's winter graduates prepare for life after college, the nation is faced with difficult economic times for those attempting to enter the job market. Still, many of PUC's top employers painted an optimistic picture of how the job market looks for winter graduates.

Centier Bank

Employer Profile: Centier Bank has been a regional bank in Northwest Indiana since 1895 and been owned by the Schrage family ever since. The bank has 43 locations, more than 700 employees in both entry-level and managerial positions and more than $1.7 billion in assets.

Hiring Outlook: While the economy hit the banking industry hard, employment manager Michelle Miller said the bank is fortunate not to have closed any branches or slashed jobs. Miller said total positions have not decreased, but openings have fallen slightly.

"It's not a time anywhere when people take those risks of switching jobs," Miller said.

She said the bank will be more conservative in the near future by hiring only those who plan to be with the company as a career and not just to get through college.

To increase marketability, Miller said students should stick with one job throughout college.

"We've seen candidates come in here with five jobs in five months," Miller said. "That doesn't look good."

While the company doesn't require a business degree for entry-level teller positions, a one-year manager training program is in place for those with business degrees who want to get started as a branch manager or assistant manager.

School City of Hammond

Employer Profile: The School City of Hammond is one of the largest in Northwest Indiana with 14 elementary schools, two middle schools, two combined middle/high schools and two high schools. It is responsible for all hiring of teachers, administrators and staff members of these schools.

Hiring Outlook: Since school districts' budgets are largely determined by the number of students in the district and the state's allotted budget, the health of the overall economy does not affect these employers as much as others. It appears hiring will remain fairly consistent except in staff positions, which Superintendent Walter Watkins said the district is attempting to reduce through attrition.

"Despite the economic issues we are facing, [the state of Indiana] requires us to maintain an adequate staff," Watkins said.

Watkins said enrollment is projected to grow and the budget has increased slightly to educate more students.

"We do see an ongoing need to maintain, add and even grow the number of teachers," Watkins said.

The School City of Hammond is particularly in need of math and science teachers, teachers who are able to teach English as a second language and those with special needs.

"English language instructors and those who can teach math, science and to those with disabilities are almost guaranteed to have a job anywhere," Watkins said.

Friedman & Huey Associates

Employer Profile: Friedman & Huey accounting firm now has clients in over 25 states in the United States and employs a lot of PUC students who go through the intern program.

Hiring Outlook: Friedman & Huey face a unique situation with the current economic conditions as an accounting firm. David Perry, a Friedman & Huey partner, said an uncertain economy could very well be good for their business.

"We may be getting new clients who are unhappy with their current advisers or are just comparison shopping," Perry said.

Perry also said Friedman & Huey only hire entry-level workers who go through their internship program.

"We hire interns because then they have a chance to experience us and we have a chance to experience them," Perry said. "It's much better to work for three months and give it a try than to come in cold the day after the interview. This improves our success in hiring by a phenomenal amount."

As for what PUC graduates can expect in finding a job come May, things are still unsure.

"May is a long way away," Perry said. "Go back a couple months and look at how the economy shifted on such a large scale in such a short time. May could very well bring good or bad things."

Community Hospital in Munster

Employer Profile: The Community Hospital in Munster is one of the largest hospitals in the region, employing over 3,000 workers in its operations. The hospital experienced enormous growth in the past 15 years and has one of the largest cardiac rehabilitation centers in Indiana.

Hiring Outlook: Like school districts, the healthcare industry is nearly unaffected by difficult economic conditions. The demand for nurses nationwide continues to rise and appears to be stable, according to recruiter Jan Daley.

"The median age for nurses now is 47 so a lot of positions will be opening up," Daley said.

The hospital hires 50 students from Indiana in the Registered Nurse Fellows program first before considering outside hires. Daley said the main aspect to getting a position at the company is a nursing degree and the ability to work at any hour of any day.

Daley also said the hospital hires fewer students in December than in May.

Crowe Chizek

Employer Profile: Crowe Chizek accounting and consulting firm is a top 10 firm in the United States with locations in 11 states, including Chicago. Crowe Chizek recruits at PUC and Purdue West-Lafayette for interns, staff and managers in early fall.

Hiring Outlook: While business in financial and risk management consulting is tapering off lately, Crowe's audit and tax divisions look strong.

"We're feeling the pinch in financial consulting, IT consulting and risk management, but tax services are the big service for us," firm partner Mark Hull said. "Everyone needs their taxes done."

Crowe plans to hire 300 college graduates September 2009, though Hull said all decisions for hiring have already been made.

Crowe said the key for finance and accounting majors to break into the company is knowing their recruiters.

"Don't let the firm come to you," Hull said. "Go to the firm."

Walgreens

Employer Profile: Walgreens is perhaps the most likely choice for students looking to get a job in the pharmacy field or in management.

Hiring Outlook: With the current state of the economy challenging many companies as well as prospective employees, Walgreens plans to continue offering many employment opportunities. They plan to open 500 new stores in 2009, 425 in 2010 and 365 in 2011. Erika Krysiak, the pharmacy campus relations manager for Walgreens, said they are definitely able to offer growth and opportunity to new hires.

Krysiak said, "As the baby boomer generation continues to age, we're seeing a steady demand when it comes to their healthcare needs."

Since Walgreens offers products consumers need, such as medications, Krysiak said it will not be strongly affected by the economy. She said graduates in December and May will have no problem finding work at Walgreens.

88 and still learning

Andrea Drac
Staff Writer

Imagine being an elderly person. By the time that age comes, most are satisfied enough with the things they accomplished and are content to sit at home and pretty much wait to go. But, there are also elderly people who choose to disregard that stereotype and decide to continue living life to the fullest. Maybe pursue a new career, a new hobby, or even go back to college. Well, this is the case for *Edgar Spikes*.

Spikes, an East Chicago resident since two years of age, is 88 years old, the oldest student on PUC'S campus and one of the oldest in the country. Having not gone to college earlier in his life, he is now taking courses in the ECET department (Electronic and Computer Engineering Technology) ranging from computer courses to intro to electricity. His road to education began a year ago.

"It started when my grandson came home for summer vacation a year ago," Spikes said. "And I saw an article that they had free computer classes for high school seniors so I went along with him and asked if I too could take the class and they let me take it and I was interested in it."

It was then that Spikes' college life began.

"He started off in the ECET 100 course taught by professor (Ben) Marrero," William C. Robinson, a continuing instructor in the ECET department said. "He'd taken that with his grandson. Then Edgar told professor Marrero that he wished someone would fix his computer, and Marrero told him (Spikes) about the ECET 110 course and he signed up for it."

The course focused on Power Point as well as Word, Excel, etc. and Spikes had enjoyed it. Eventually Spikes was able to repair more computers than just the one at his home.

"He fixed six computers," Robinson said.

Over the summer, Spikes took an Auto-CAD course at the Academic Learning Center and

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ADMINISTRATIVE update

Winter weather & decisions to cancel classes, close campus

Last week's first brush of the season with snowy conditions in northwest Indiana's Porter and La Porte counties was a fitting reminder that Purdue Calumet has a procedure in place for making decisions to suspend classes and/or close the campus due to adverse weather conditions.

The Chancellor, in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, will decide when it is necessary to take such action.

The decision to interrupt normal campus operations means either of the following conditions is in effect:

"CLASSES ARE CANCELED"

This means that ALL classes scheduled to meet that particular day on campus or at the Academic Learning Center in Merrillville have been canceled, but university offices, departments and services remain open.

or

"THE UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED"

This means that NO scheduled on- and off-campus functions, services, programs or activities will take place that day. The campus is considered closed to all persons except those pre-designated as necessary to assist in performing essential functions. Consequently, all persons **not** pre-designated are required to leave and/or stay away from campus until normal campus operations resume. This requirement is necessary to ensure personal safety and to facilitate emergency operations, such as snow removal, so as to return the campus to open status as quickly as possible.

So that students affected by either of the above conditions can receive information promptly and accurately, official notification will be communicated via the following communication channels:

1. ***Purdue Calumet Web site* – www.calumet.purdue.edu**
   (Campus status and updates will be published on the home page)
2. **Radio/TV announcements**
   Radio
   a. **WJOB** (Hammond, 1230-am)
   b. **WZVN** Valparaiso, 107-fm)
   c. **WXRD** (Valparaiso, 103.9-fm)
   d. **WAKE** (Valparaiso, 1500-am)
   e. **WLJE** (Valparaiso, 105.5-fm)
   f. **WIMS** (Michigan City 1420-am)
   g. **WEFM** (Michigan City, 95.9)
   h. **WLOI** (La Porte, 1540-am)
   i. **WBBM** (Chicago, 780-am)
   j. **WGN** (Chicago, 720-am)

   Television
   a. CBS-TV/Channel 2
   b. NBC-TV/Channel 5
   c. WGN-TV/Channel 9
   d. Fox-TV/Channel 32
   e. CLTV News
   f. Lake Shore Public Television of NW Indiana
3. **Information Center** – Via voice mail message.
   The message can be accessed by phoning extensions 2993 or 2400.

NOTIFICATION TO "RESUME" NORMAL CAMPUS OPERATIONS

At the direction of the Chancellor and/or Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, notification to resume normal campus operations will be communicated accordingly:

1. **University Home Page – www.calumet.purdue.edu**
2. **Information Center** – extensions 2993 or 2400

NOTE: Radio and television stations typically do not announce resumption of activities/operations.

Our best advice: Refer to the Purdue Calumet Web site. Announcements about the status of campus operations will be published there promptly.

What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Adventure Trip

A bus will be driving PUC students to Michigan City Prime Outlets Mall on Saturday, Nov. 29. The bus will leave campus at 9 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. It costs $10 per student (refundable) and $15 for faculty, staff or guests (non-refundable). The registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 25. To register, call Sue at (219) 989-2367 or stop by Lawshe 352. Sponsored by Student Activities.

Trial of the Semester

United States of America vs. hip-hop. An event analyzing the cultural influence of hip-hop on American society will take place on Monday, Dec. 1 and Wednesday, Dec. 3. On both dates is will be given in SUL 377 from 3:30 to 4:50 p.m.

Intramural Bean Bag Tournament

A 2 on 2 bean bag tournament will be offered to any PUC students interested. It will be on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in the PUC Gym. Any teams interested in the competition must complete an entry form by Dec. 1. For additional information, call Matt Dudzik at (219) 989-2050 or email at dudzik@calumet.purdue.edu.

Annual Pancake Study Break

A pancake dinner will be given in the Oaken Arbor Café on Dec. 8, the Monday of finals week. It will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. The pancake dinner is free to any PUC student with an ID. Sponsored by Student Activities and The University Village.

Movie & Popcorn

"Leatherheads," starring George Clooney, Renee Zellweger, and John Krasinski, will be shown in the SUL Calumet Falls TV room on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Show times are at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Sponsored by Student Activities.

International Film Series

"Kilometre Zero" will be shown as part of the "Screening The Enemy" series sponsored by the International Film Series. The movie set during the Iran-Iraq war and is about a Kurd drafted into the Iraqi army who attempts to escape the army by escorting a dead soldier back home. Produced by an Iraqi director, it deals with racial and religious tensions in the Middle East. It will be shown on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in CLO 110.

School of Technology Open House

An open house for the School of Technology will be held for prospective students, parents, and others on Tuesday, Dec. 2. It will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in Anderson 148.

For more information, call (219) 989-3125 or visit www.calumet.purdue.edu/technology.

Interested in reading a book and participating in a book discussion?

Student Activities is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Thursday, February 5th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho will be discussed. Interested students may register at SUL 104B or contact Student Activities at 989-2369 for more information. A 2009 spring class schedule is required when registering for event. Books are free and refreshments are provided at discussion.

Pancake Study Break

Students are invited to stop by the SUL Oaken Arbor Café on Monday, December 8th, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. and enjoy a free delicious breakfast buffet served by PUC Celebrities! Event sponsored by Student Activities and University Village.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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'Still jobs to be had'

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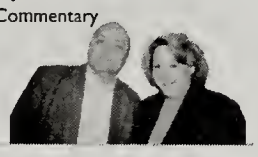


(Sung to a modern rap beat)

The news is good; the news is bad! - The market is up/down; investor is sad! - Students for now, soon to be grads! - Tell me, please, show me where's a job to be had?

Please excuse our "rap," but we wanted to grab your attention so that you're ready to hear this important message from the National Association for Colleges and Employers' 2009 Job Outlook Report, published earlier this month:

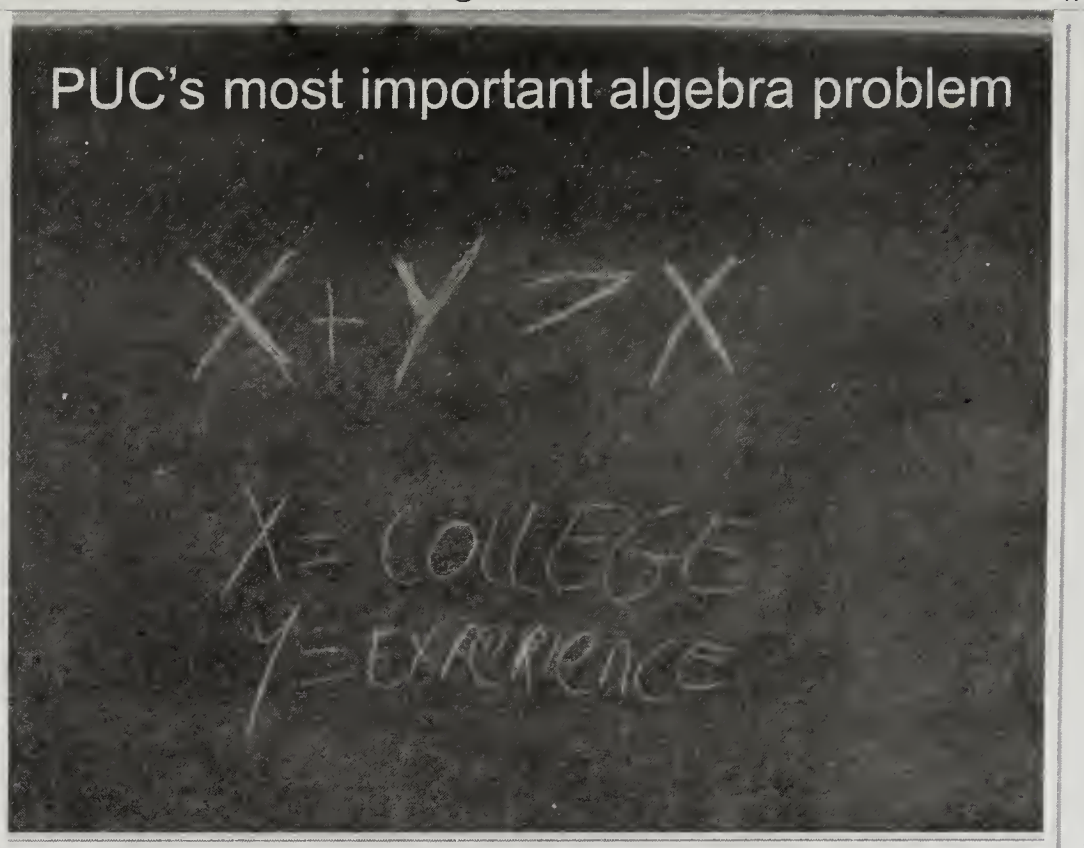
"This fall's turmoil in the economy and the crisis in the financial sector has had a devastating impact on the job market. Job prospects for the graduating class of 2009 are flat and possibly shrinking . . . instead of growth in the job market (typically, employers have more jobs to offer to the current graduating class than they had for previous graduates) there are the same number of or fewer opportunities expected."

So yes, we find ourselves in a tough job market . . .but, there are jobs to be had. And if you're ready to take on the job search challenge and introduce your skills and talents to the world, remember that your duty is really threefold: being prepared, being diligent, and being patient. Let us explain.

Now more than ever job searchers must have a solid game plan (a.k.a. being prepared) that includes a solid understanding of the market for their profession, tools (cover letters, resumes, web sites, etc.) and techniques that are up to date and contemporary, and personal management skills to be organized and to use time wisely. Job seekers must be proficient in plan implementation and using a network of friends, family and others who can encourage and even introduce them to people making hiring decisions.

Second, when looking for full-time work, make it a full-time effort. The more time diligently invested into the process, the more likely it will be to get positive results. Think of it as your current job where you invest at least 40 hours per week looking for a new job. Wake up each morning, getting dressed like you're going to work, keeping a daily schedule of your activities, building time into your day to meet new people, sending thank you notes, etc. The job seeker's success is tied to diligently prospecting for leads of people with hiring authority, meeting those people, and ultimately convincing just one person to hire them.

Finally, in a job market like the one we're currently experiencing, patience is the name of the game. Like a sales professional, job seekers must be ready to face rejection. Patience and sticking with the plan are as important as the plan itself. Stay focused and don't let the rejection get you down and pull you away from your dreams.



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Organizations on campus

The issue: The amount of organizations PUC has to offer

Our opinion: Students should take advantage of the opportunities

Just as Joe Biden said that the presidency isn't conduced to on-the-job training, more and more employers expecting employees to be fully capable and ready to work on day one.

With the economy being so low and the amount of available jobs decreasing, this is the time where students at PUC need to get focused and start taking their studies more seriously. While there are job opportunities that are available, there are becoming fewer and fewer for students coming out of college.

What some students don't understand is how competitive the market is. Students are competing against other students. We're now living in a time where solely going to class doesn't cut it anymore. Extra work is almost mandatory.

The extra time student spent doing irrelevant activities could be spent trying to gain the experience that many bosses look for when they are considering new workers. Now is the time where opportunities like internships are beneficial. Talking to teachers or advisers may lend a hand in finding such internships.

Certain clubs or classes are also beneficial in regards to gaining the experience that employers are looking for. One example is Tom Roach's Problems in Public Relations, which he has deemed as one of the hardest classes at PUC. While the class may be hard, students in the class will have the opportunity to gain real-life experience from the class.

Since students are in an environment intended for learning, now is the time to acquire the skills they need instead of trying to remember something solely for a test.

This is one of the reasons that Chancellor Howard Cohen is in great favor of experiential learning. In a press conference held in 2007, Cohen said, "Experiential learning is not just a matter of on the job training, [it's the] integration of the student's academic program with a real world work experience."

If students are not willing to put extra time into their major, than revaluating their priorities may be necessary to determine if their time in college is worth it.

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Giving PUC some much needed attention

Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

Someone really needs to get that guy with the green shirt off of my computer screen right next to the log in spot for PUC student e-mail. Zack Morris from "Saved by the Bell" called and he wants his clothes back.

It's one of the many things PUC has got to update around here. Being a senior and all, I thought it was only right that I made a list of some things that really could use a little sprucing up:

- I don't know about you, but I wonder when that piggy bank they have for parking lot paint is ready to be cracked open. The half yellow marking lines have got to go. We're a big boy school now and we're ready for full yellow lines in the parking lot.
- Apparently someone thought it would be a clever idea to install "automatic flush" urinals on the third floor of the SUL building. It would have been a great idea if they worked. I guess the little sensor doesn't want to play some days, because I've worked on the third floor where the newsroom is located for three semesters now and I still don't think the damn things have *flushed*. It makes for a real pleasant experience walking in to that.
- I'm sure we have some real talented website designers on this campus that could put together a better looking school website. This eyesore needs a serious update, I really do appreciate the former graduates and what they do for a living and all, but it's not about them now. It's about trying to make the current faculty and students get that warm tingling feeling inside when they visit the site, which I surely don't get now.
- They make these really cool cans of canned air that clean out computer keyboards and all sorts of electronic gadgets. Well get this, PUC should buy some and hire someone to walk around campus and just shoot these suckers at all keyboards. Call me a clean freak or OCD if you want, but why do I get the feeling to throw on some latex gloves whenever I need to do a little typing? I really think I have seen whole meals of food in between the home row on a keyboard.
- Aren't you ever curious what the second and third best choice was when changing our school mascot from the Lakers to the Peregrines was? I suppose the Peregrines won over the Pumpkins and the Fighting Periwinkles.
- Putting a Subway within walking distance of campus that doesn't have a spinning bulletproof glass window giving me my lunch or dinner.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Ryan Metz at chronicle_sports_editor @ yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

Twilight unworthy of hype

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With the need to turn a 500 page book into a 120 minute movie, the movie falls short of expectations, with bad cinematography and bad editing. Fans of the book will leave the theater disappointed.

"Twilight" fans prepare to be disappointed. The anticipated adaptation of the Stephanie Meyer's novel hit "Twilight" swooped into theaters Nov. 21, and millions of fans followed. But the beloved novel-turned-movie fell short of the high expectations many people pinned on it.

Both the film and novel follow the same plot: 17-year-old Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart), moves to the small town of Forks, Washington, to live with her father Charlie (Billy Burke). She meets the mysterious Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson). After the revelation of Edward being a vampire, Edward and Bella begin a romance equivalent to a modern-day "Romeo and Juliet."

While it is true that converting a 500 page novel into a 120 minute film will be full of changes, left out or shortened, the way in which screenplay writer Melissa Rosenberg went about writing this film was off.

Scenes were added in order to introduce the "bad vampires" in a timely fashion forcing everything else to speed up along with it. This caused many of the scenes to become disjointed and confusing for anyone who has not read the book.

The opening scenes of this film make it easy to see the directing of this movie will be the main reason for its downfall.

Director Catherine Hardwicke tried to explore the idea of artsy directing without any prior practice. The camera angles seem sloppy, crooked and confusing. The editing of this film enhanced the terrible directing even more, cutting from one scene to the next like a preschool child who got a hold of their mother's scissors.

The music in the film was another large problem. Bits of music were incorporated into the background of every scene, but the chosen songs seemed wrong. When Edward tells Bella about his vampire life, soft music plays; making the whole scene seem romantic instead of confessional. Many of the movies high-profile hits, such as Paramore's "Decode," and Linkin Park's "Leave Out All The Rest," were nowhere to be found in the film.

Humor was incorporated into "Twilight," but not always in a good way. Scenes added for comic effect, such as humorous remarks from Charlie, seemed to give the movie charm, but really just twisted the characters from the novel into bad stand-up comics.

The acting of the film had more lows than highs. Kristen Stewart made the character of Bella seem disconnected, non-relatable and pathetic.

Robert Pattinson's interpretation of Edward seems just like Pattinson himself - not into the heartthrob thing but since he has the looks, he might as well play them up. His reactions throughout the movie are laughable, making every scene a guessing game to whether he is going to cry or vomit. The acting of the Cullen family and the other supporting cast seems forced and annoying, like a bad soap opera.

In the end, "Twilight" lacked bite, and the hype of the film was undeserved. Fans will never get the same feeling they got from reading the book, and people who have never read the book might end up feeling confused.

Concert rocks to help fight hunger

Nathyn D. Gibson
Editor-in-chief

For only four cans, Chicago fans were able to attend a performance by The Frantic and Shiny Toy Guns.

The cans were donated to the "Imagine There's No Hunger" program sponsored by World Hunger Year and the Illinois Hunger Coalition. With a maximum capacity of 500 people permitted at the Hard Rock Café, there was an expectancy of 2,000 cans donated.

"It's a great opportunity to help people in Illinois," said John Marchese, from the Illinois Hunger Coalition.

With a buzz in the crowd, Sherman, a popular DJ from Q101, arrived on stage to introduce Chicago's own, The Frantic. The highlight from their performance was a cover of The Foundation's 1968 hit "Build Me Up Buttercup."

The Frantic's front man, Kyle Dee, said about his inspiration for writing the song, "My CD player was broken and I was listening to a lot of oldies radio and I thought it would be a good song to cover."

Currently, The Frantic, who have been together for about five years, are composing new music in attempts to release a new album.

The crowd gave a warm response although it was clear some members of the audience were being introduced to them. When Sherman introduced Shiny Toy Guns, the crowd got excited and the excitement built as the intro to "Starts with One" began.

Their set included a majority of songs off their 2006 album, "We are Pilots," as well as songs off their new album, "Season to Poison," including their latest singles "Ricochet" and "Ghost Town."

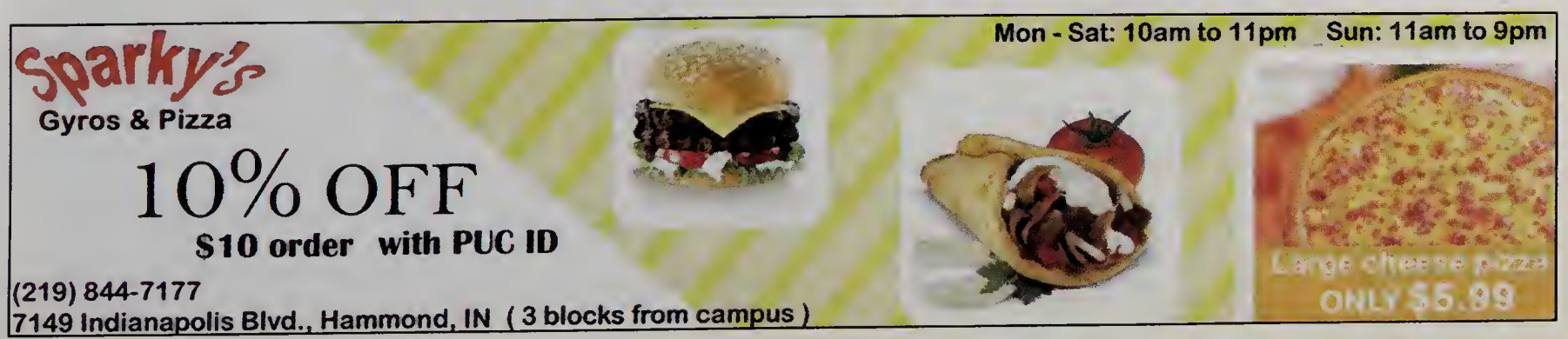
The crowd showed the largest response when they performed their most popular songs, "Le Disco" and "You are the One," which closed the show.

The show was a visually appealing experience as the band used smoke and lights to make it seem more like an art show synced to music. With lights aimed directly at the audience, the band often appeared in silhouette form.

Both bands spent a generous amount of time after the show talking to fans, taking pictures and signing autographs, leaving die hard fans with a few extra feel good moments as the evening ended.

Chronicle Photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Gregori Chad Petree, front man of Shiny Toy Guns, starts of the show with the song "Starts with One" off of the "We Are Pilots" album. The show was sponsored by Q101 and the Illinois Hunger Coalition. Visit pucchronicle.com this week for more pictures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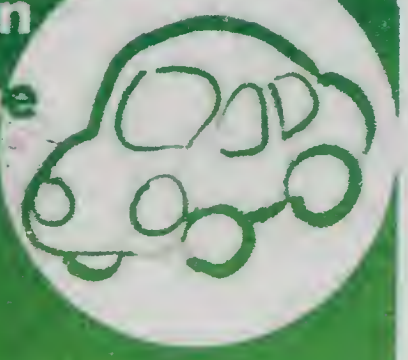

Stephanie Stern
Staff Writer

Looking for something fun to do to get into the holiday spirit without having to drive far? Well, look no further than Chicago.

Nov. 27 is the 13th annual Christkindlmarket Chicago festival. Originally inspired by the Christkindlesmarkt in Nuremberg, Germany, the festival was started as a market in Chicago in 1996. In 1997, the festival was moved to Daley Plaza and named the Christkindlmarket festival after the original festival in Germany started in 1545.

The concept was to bring a universal holiday experience to Chicago including vendors from around the world, providing interesting items for sale as well as food and entertainment. The name of the festival comes from the German tradition of Christkind.

On Thanksgiving Day, a preview to the festival will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regular hours for the festival are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The grand opening of the festival is Nov. 28 and continues until Dec. 24. Located at Daley Plaza, the festival offers free admission, history and fun.

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Christkind traditionally brings gifts to children on Christmas. Every year Chicago welcomes a Christkind chosen by the Nuremberg jury to represent Germany for a year as a Christkind. The Friday after Thanksgiving the Christkind assists in the lighting of the tree in Daley Plaza and gives a decree for the audience. Eva Sattler will be the Christkind representing Germany this year. She was chosen by the jury at the age of 16 to be the 2005-2006 Christkind.

Shopping at the festival is not the average trip to the mall. Merchants offer handmade gifts of all varieties from all over the world. Vendors come from anywhere from Chicago to Germany to participate in the festival. Food vendors sell special selections.

Don't just expect food and shopping either. Nov. 28 is a meet and greet with the famous Rockettes. Dec. 2 is this year's date for the annual tree lighting with the Christkind. Check out christkindlmarket.com for more event information and directions.

Turn off the endless cycle of "A Christmas Story" on ABC and get the hot chocolate to go. Bundle up and actually participate in some holiday fun. Head out to Chicago for Christkindlmarket.

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Holiday events and shopping are conveniently located in Chicago. Tree lighting, a festival, and handmade crafts will be made available to the public.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

A guide to what to buy for your boo

Olivia Castenda
Staff Writer

The holiday season is just around the corner and some would like to do some early Christmas shopping. There is nothing wrong with giving the gift of clothes, but clothes can be purchased any day. People do not go crazy after unwrapping a rectangular box filled with some shirts and a pair of pants. Boring. Here are some gift ideas for him and her.

www.raftertales.com

crazy-frankenstein.com

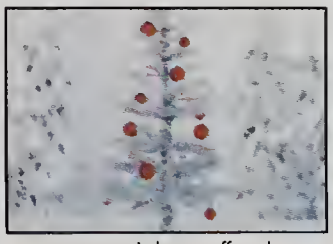
Macy's, Best Buy, Target and Victoria's Secret are some of the many stores offering great items for gift giving. Join Macy's, Victoria's Secret and other store e-mailing lists to receive information about special offers.

This information is great to know when shopping on a budget. At target.com there is a gift giving drop-down box with gift ideas and information for him, her, teens and babies. Target also offers information on items ranging from $25 or $15 and under for those on a budget.

Cosmopolitan.com offers a large range of gift ideas for almost anyone. Cosmopolitan advises to buy the special man in your life gadgets he can play with such as digital cameras, the new iPod docking tower, earphones, video games, etc. Get him a poker set, a dart board or a pool table, if he does not already have any of these.

A must have this season is "The Godfather Collection: The Coppola Restoration" for $72.99 at barnesandnoble.com.

Moving away from the idea of giving him gadgets, give him accessories to complement his wardrobe, such as watches, scarves, hats, leather wallets, shoes and men's fragrances.



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Now for her. A good idea is to shop for anything from accessories to home appliances. Designer name purses, shoes and jewelry are just a few things on a girl's wish-list. IKEA has a great range of items for the bedroom, kitchen, living and dining room. Girls too enjoy receiving gadgets for gifts, ranging from video games to iPod accessories.

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For couples, shop at Victoria's Secret and/or Lover's Lane. Both men and women can enjoy gifts like sexy lingerie for her, boxers for him, massage and bath oils, candles, wine and Egyptian cotton sheets.

Gifts that everyone can enjoy are spa treatments, travel and concert tickets, books and DVDs.

If these ideas do not spark any interests visit gifts.com, findgift.com or kaboodle.com. These Web sites are devoted to gift ideas for any occasion and budget.

Paint a portrait, draw a picture or write a poem or a song. If in a relationship, make a collage of mementos. If interested in photography, take a picture or pictures and get a nice frame to go with it.

For those who do not care to purchase materialistic items to express their affection, make something.

Here is an opportunity to put artistic talent into use to create something that will definitely last longer than battery-operated gadgets. They will live longer in the memory of the receiver.

Do more this season and put some thought into a loved one's gift. With the economic hard times a home made gift will be appreciated and cherished.

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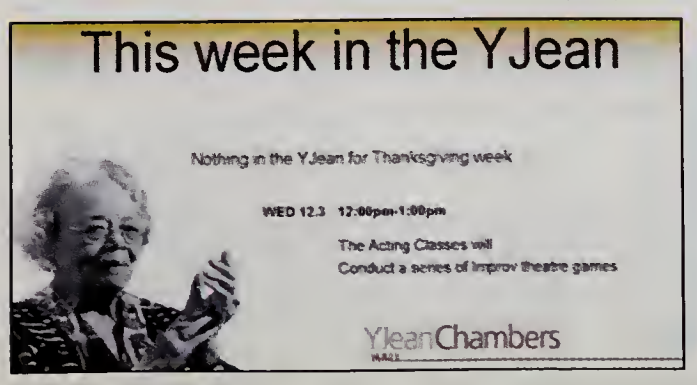
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Nothing in the YJean for Thanksgiving week
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The Acting Classes will
Conduct a series of Improv theatre games
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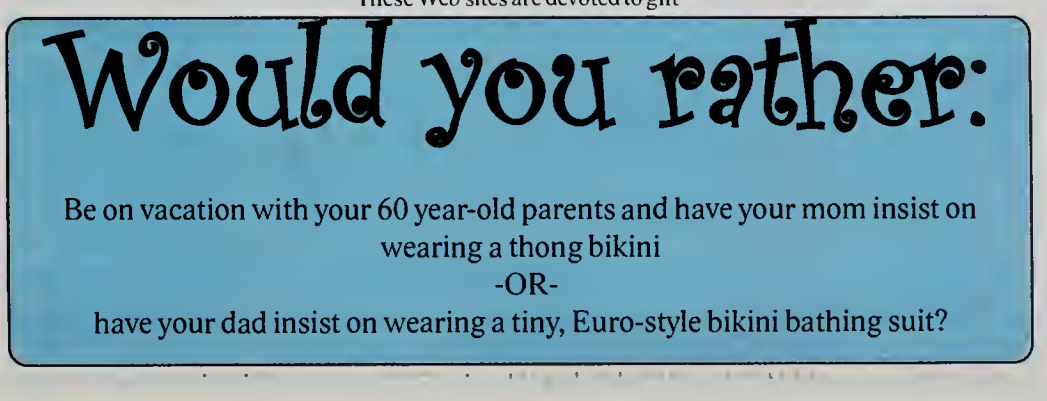
Would you rather:
Be on vacation with your 60 year-old parents and have your mom insist on wearing a thong bikini
-OR-
have your dad insist on wearing a tiny, Euro-style bikini bathing suit?

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now he is currently taking Introduction to Electronics, which is taught by Robinson.

"It's a very good experience for me and my students," Robinson said. "Every time he (Spikes) has a problem, my students help him out. I think they've kind of adopted him. He has a great personality and is a grandfatherly figure to everyone and is truly inspiring."

"He is a really good student who's not afraid to get help," Ben Marrero, Spikes' first professor in the ECET 100 course, said. "He takes his courses seriously."

However, Spikes is not going for a degree.

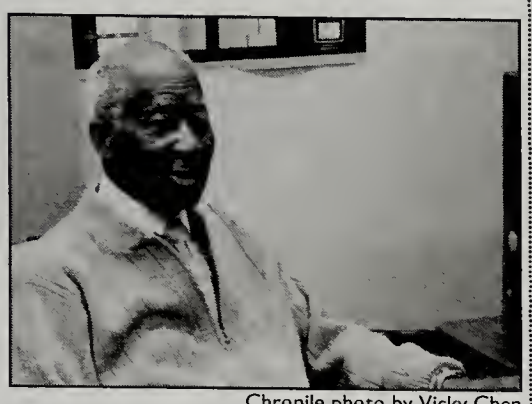
"This is a learning experience and it gives me something to do," Spikes said. "Something to wake up to in the morning."

Spikes holds PUC in high regard.

"I really like the atmosphere here," he said. "Everyone here has been very, very, nice to me. Every professor, every student I've come in contact with has been very encouraging and telling me I should continue going to school."

And Spikes intends on continuing school for a long time.

"As long as I'm able to," Spikes said.



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Prior to these courses, Spikes did not have a college career, save for a few seminars at IUN for his job. But for 23 years, he worked in the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

"When I retired, I was assistant chief of the whole department," he said. "Before that, I was a warden in the Lake County Jail. I had that job for about two years. It was a nice job and I enjoyed it, it was just something I got into."

Spikes pursued other jobs as well.

"Before that (the Lake County jobs), I worked on the railroad," Spikes said. "Going from Chicago to Los Angeles. I also worked in the steel mills for about four to five years."

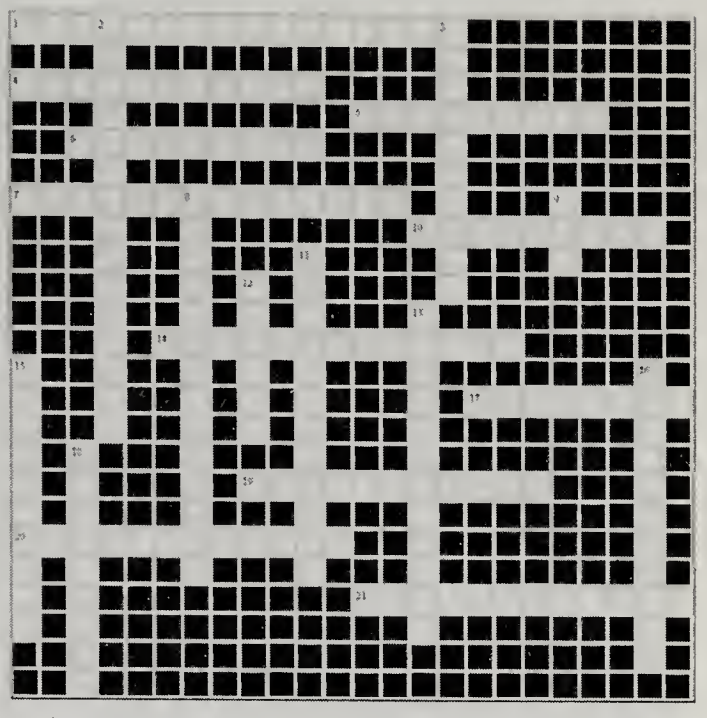
Spikes has also traveled extensively all around the US and numerous countries throughout his life.

"I've been to every state in the US, except Alaska," Spikes said. "I've been to China and walked on the great wall, which was a wonderful experience. I've been to Tokyo, Indonesia, Thailand, I've seen the Holy Land, I've seen the Sphinx, and I've been to Italy and The Vatican twice. I took all kind of cruises, been to Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and India. I've had a wonderful life."

Spikes feels that all older people should go to school.

"You're never too old to go to school and learn," Spikes said.

Economy



Across

1. Interest paid on top of interest
4. Financial assets that derive their value from other assets.
5. Two consecutive quarters of declining output.
6. A branch of economics characterized by an active government and a suspicion of market outcomes.
7. A circumstance when all who want jobs have them.
10. How easily an asset can be spent.
14. A tax that eats a higher proportion of a poor person's income.
17. Goods or services that have a high elasticity of demand.
19. The ease with which supply of an economic product can be expanded to meet increased demand.
20. A monetary system in which a company backs its currency with gold reserves.
21. A firm's profit expressed as a percentage of its turnover or sales.

Down

2. A measure of the responsiveness of demand to a price change.
3. Paying less tax than you are legally obliged to.
8. A tax that takes a larger proportion of someone in a high tax bracket.
9. The measure of output of a country.
11. A style of economics that condemns government interference.
12. An agreement between two or more firms to fix prices and/or restrict output.
13. A fall in the value of an asset or currency.
15. Its characteristics are: non-rival, non-excludable, and non-rejectable
16. A sudden fall in the value of currency against other currencies.
18. Policies to boost demand to boost economic activity.

CTIS Connection

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Remembering Your Password

With as many passwords as we have these days, it's near impossible to remember all of them. You might even think it's impossible without writing them all down. That's now true. There ways that you can make a secure password, and still remember it. Below are just a few methods.

- Mnemonics - Remembering a randomized, assigned difficult password, like "tthertd" can be simple and fun by using a mnemonic. Think of a sentence where there is one word beginning with each letter of the password, for example, "tthertd" could be "terrible tigers have every right to drive."
- Develop an Algorithm - Take the name of the website and then add the last four digits of a friend's home phone number to the end. The password for wikiHow might be "wikihow4588".
- Remove the vowels - Take a word or phrase and remove the vowels from it. (e.g. "eat the cheeseburger" becomes "tthchsbrgr").
- Connect the first letters - Develop a password using the first letters of a sentence or phrase that means something to you - like your national anthem or a slogan you have seen some where. 'Don't shop for it, Argos it' would become DsfiAi.
- Mix words - Choose two words and combine their letters to create the password, choosing one letter of the first word and one letter of the second word, and repeating this until you get to the last letter of each word. An example could be: Words: house & plane. Password: hpoluasnee
- Turn letters into numbers or symbols - Think of a phrase, or name that your password will be. Type that name using numbers (located on the telephone # pad) or simply use a symbol that reminds you of a letter, like @ for a.

For more tips on how to make secure passwords visit: http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/ctis/security/passwords.html

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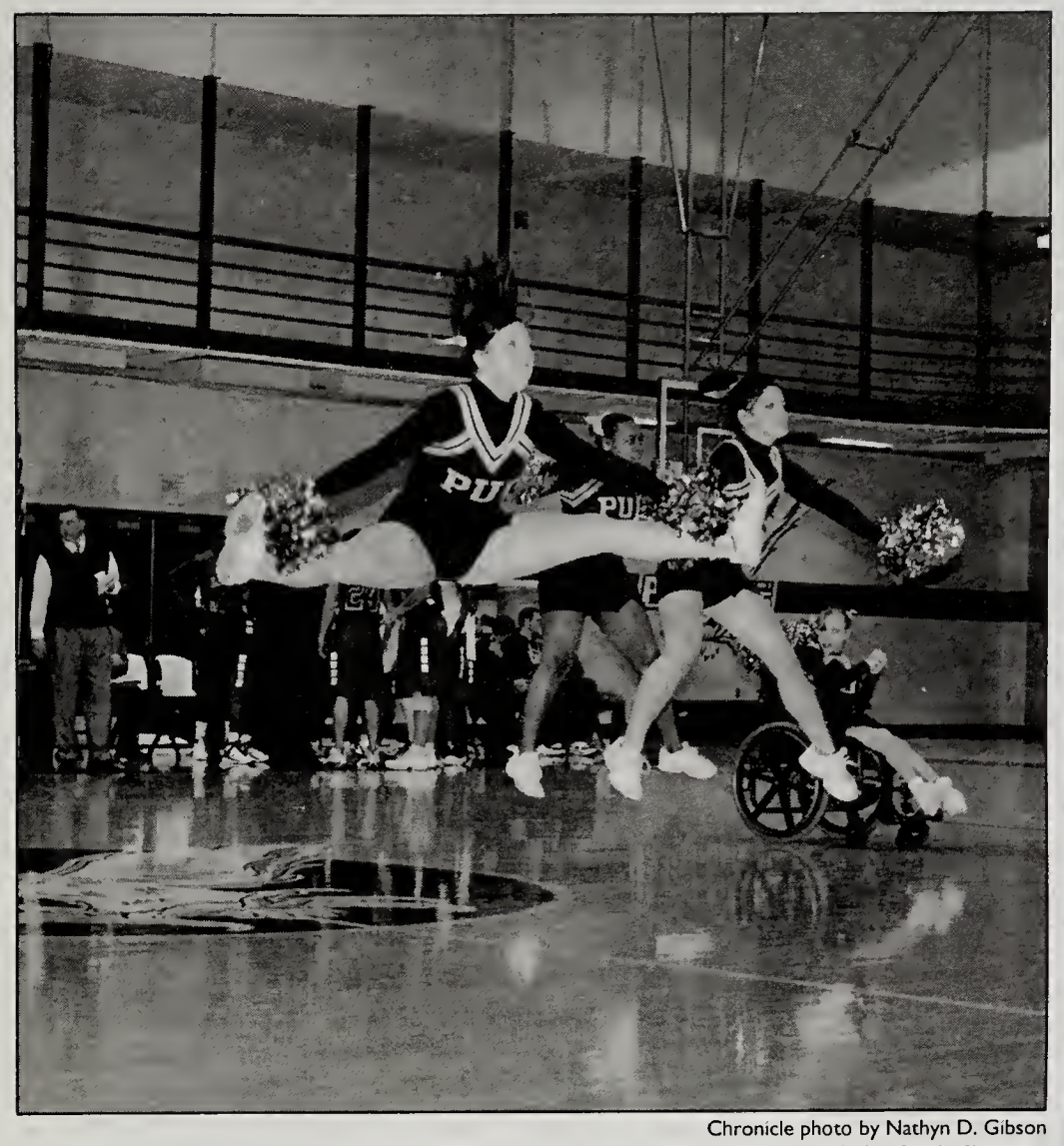

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Cheerleaders entertain the crowd on Saturday afternoon during the men's basketball game against Lindsey Wilson. PUC would go on to lose the game 65-43.

Intramural Schedule:

Monday, Nov. 24
Baking Championship
3 p.m.
Location: Oaken Arbor Cafe
Diana Virijevich (PUC Staff)
Vs.
Zhuo Chen "Ellie" (PUC Student)

Monday, Dec. 1st
Field Goal Kicking Contest
7:30pm (7-7:30pm Warm-ups)
Location: PUC Gym

Flag Football Playoffs

Round #1 (Monday, Nov. 17th)
#2 (N) Fantastik 4 70 #5 (N) Big Test 56
#4 (A) Team Mayhem 70 #3 (A) Highland 56
#3 (N) Mercenaries 70 #4 (N) Good Ole Boys 63 O.T.

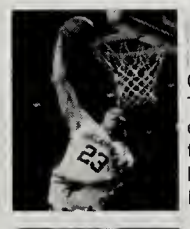
Round #1 & #2 (Wednesday, Nov. 19th)
#1 (A) 4TH N One 84 #4 (A) Team Mayhem 63
#2 (A) Untouchables 35 #5 (A) Revolution 21
#1 (N) Entourage 42 #3 (N) Mercenaries 35 O.T.

Final 4 (Monday, Nov. 24th)
8:45 #2 (N) Fantastik 4 vs. #1 (N) Entourage
9:30 #2 (A) Untouchables vs. #1 (A) Fourth N One

Wednesday, November 26th
No Games (Night before Thanksgiving)

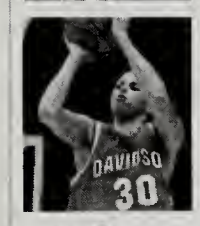
FLAG Bowl VIII
To be determined

Ryan Metz's
Weekly High Five
Best college basketball players



1 Blake Griffin

Oklahoma//So.//6-10//PF
This highly skilled big man has the body of a defensive end in the NFL and the skill set of guard in the NBA – the perfect combination. Will play one more year with his brother at OU, before being picked high in the 2009 NBA Draft.



2 Stephen Curry

Davidson//Jr.//6-1//SG
After emerging with his team's run in the tournament last season, this sharpshooter, will be the target of teams' defenses this season. The son of former NBA player, Dell, will not be affected with the NCAA's decision to move the 3-point line back to 20'9".

3 Tyler Hansbrough

North Carolina//Sr.//6-9//PF
Although his athletic ceiling isn't as high as the above, "Psycho T", the reigning Player of the Year has worked on his shooting range in the off-season and will be looking to shoot more 3-pointers.

4 Luke Harangody

Notre Dame//Jr.//6-8//PF
The Andrean alum had a breakout sophomore season that culminated into being named Big East Player of the Year after leading the conference in scoring. The ultimate grinder shed weight in the off-season and looks to diversify his game this year.

5 James Harden

Arizona State//So.//6-5//SG
After working out with Kobe Bryant in the off-season, this Pac-10 star should improve his already dominant freshman season where he posted 17.8 points a game.

PUC Basketball Box Scores

Men Nov. 18
Bethel College 116 , PUC 65

PUC	FG	REB	PTS
32 Latimore, J.	2/4	0	4
23 Bradley, J.	4/5	4	8
20 Krstevski, K.	4/9	2	15
22 Patton, M.	5/10	6	11
33 Davenport, D.	5/9	4	11
5 Johnson, V.	2/5	5	4
12 Collins, J.	0/1	1	0
30 Williams, R.	1/5	3	4
42 Hurt, A.	4/7	6	10
5 Johnson, V	1/7	3	2
Team	26/57	26	65
Bethel College	**FG**	**REB**	**PTS**
10 Lantz, K.	1/3	3	5
21 Brown, T.	5/12	3	11
30 Lettinga, M.	6/7	2	12
33 Walker, W.	11/15	8	23
5 Lightfoot, R.	6/9	1	16
14 Gingerich, R.	0/1	0	0
20 Welch, J.	3/3	3	6
22 Everett, J.	2/2	1	4
23 Laidig, C.	5/6	2	14
32 Moser, D.	3/3	3	13
4 Ward, S.	1/3	4	3
45 Laidig, W.	2/6	1	7
98 Owens, M.	0/0	0	0
99 Miller, J	1/2	1	2
Team	46/72	32	116

Women Nov. 22
PUC 62, Illinois Tech 58

PUC	FG	REB	PTS
12 Harris, M.	1/4	3	4
11 Britton, J.	4/10	2	16
21 Beck, S.	2/11	3	4
22 Lobodinski, C.	6/12	3	13
32 Keilman, S.	3/6	6	7
10 Enright, N.	0/0	0	0
13 Coleman, K.	1/1	4	2
20 Desimone, N.	3/9	3	13
23 Hurst, L.	0/3	2	1
24 Robinson, C.	0/3	2	2
Team	20/59	31	62
Illinois Tech	**FG**	**REB**	**PTS**
14 Peters, A.	4/7	20	11
21 McKee, K.	4/6	5	11
23 Seyfred, H.	7/15	1	19
24 Yoder, M.	9/21	8	24
34 Cook, B.	2/10	6	9
3 Rust, A.	0/0	0	0
11 Hoppe, S.	1/2	0	2
12 Ehrsam, K.	0/0	0	0
22 Basinger, B.	0/1	0	0
25 Robbins, J.	1/5	0	5
40 Clark, S.	1/2	1	2
Team	29/69	41	80

Quote of the week

"I feel sick to my stomach. Everyone at Notre Dame takes these losses personally, just like they feel good when they win. But right now I feel absolutely miserable for the seniors."

Charlie Weis, after Notre Dame's 24-23 loss to Syracuse on Saturday

National Lampoon Sports Minute

Brett Favre claims he's not committed to playing football in 2009. Of course, he's also not committed to committing.

A new cable Ski Channel is scheduled to launch on Christmas Day. It should all be downhill from there.

Tony Romo recently took a homeless man to a movie. It's not as generous as it sounds, though. The movie was High School Musical 3.

President Bush will attend the Army-Navy football showdown on December 6. Although his transportation to the game has been secured, he clearly has no exit strategy.

John Wayne Bobbitt was recently dropped from a celebrity boxing card after failing several blood pressure tests. It's certainly not the first time in his life he's been unexpectedly cut.

A teenage girl is suing her school after she was forced to play football in gym class. The Detroit Lions have already offered the girl a three year deal.

A professional baseball team in Japan has signed a beautiful 16-year-old female pitcher. In related news, Roger Clemens has announced he'll be playing next year in Japan.

A 56-year-old woman plans to swim across the Atlantic Ocean. Because air travel has gotten just that ridiculous.

Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Adam Hofstetter, Cody Marley, Ryan Murphy, Elliot Steingart, and Chris Strait

Men's Basketball

Lindsey Wilson 65, PUC 43

Waiting for the first W

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

PUC forward Vince Johnson goes in for the basket on Saturday at the REC Center gym against Lindsey Wilson College.

16 second half points doom PUC as they lose at home and remain winless for the year

Staff Report

A second half surge by Lindsey Wilson College proved too much for PUC as they were defeated 65-43 on Saturday at the REC Centery Gym.

"I thought our ballclub came out and competed from the start," PUC coach Dan Voudrie said. "It's been the first time all year where we've been ability that show the ability to come back a little bit when the game is starting to swing momentum to the opponent's side. We've had a few games where we've started quick and once momentum has gone the other way we've never been able to get any momentum back our way."

PUC (0-5) went into the break trailing Lindsey Wilson 29-27.

"The fact that they had so many players I believe that a little bit of wearing down did occur. They were able to get out in transition in the second half. The layup advantage was to them in the second half and it was close in the first half. "

No PUC player reached double figures in points and the leading point man was sophomore forward Don Davenport who reached nine points, shooting 4-of-8 from the field.

PUC senior forward Vince Johnson came in off the bench to lead the team in rebounds, grabbing seven.

The Peregrines continued their struggles with shooting, connecting on only 18 field goals while having 56 attempts (32 percent). PUC turned the basketball over in key moments, with a total of 17 turnovers committed in the game. Guard Michael Patton led the team with four assists in the loss.

"We were tired and it showed up when we were shooting short shots late in the game. Our guys are better shooters, but they had a bigger lineup and a deeper bench and it wore on our rebounders and shooters," Voudrie said, still searching for his first victory as PUC's rookie head coach.

The Peregrines will travel to Gary on Tuesday to take on IU Northwest in a Northwest Indiana battle before Thanksgiving Break.

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20 Krstevski, K.	2/9	2	5
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33 Davenport, D.	4/8	4	9
42 Hurt, A.	3/5	1	7
5 Johnson, V.	2/9	7	4
10 Jones, G.	0/0	0	0
30 Williams, R.	4/10	4	8
25 Montgomery, W.	0/0	1	2
Team	18/56	38	43

Lindsey Wilson	FG	REB	PTS
5 Thomas, Q.	4/8	3	8
11 Tintor, A.	2/5	3	4
24 Vories, J.	3/6	2	8
31 Brown, P.	1/3	7	2
32 McPherson, E.	8/16	6	21
1 Diebler, J.	0/0	0	0
2 Parker, T.	2/5	5	5
3 Cherry, J.	1/4	1	2
22 Spreen, C.	1/2	2	2
33 Neto, I.	3/6	3	9
34 Houston, C.	1/3	0	2
50 Walton, S.	1/3	3	2
Team	27/61	40	65

Women Nov. 18
Bethel College 80, PUC 76

PUC	FG	REB	PTS
12 Harris, M.	4/16	2	12
11 Britton, J.	5/10	1	15
21 Beck, S.	5/12	1	13
22 Lobodinski, C.	1/2	6	4
32 Keilman, S.	4/8	5	10
10 Enright, N.	0/0	0	0
13 Coleman, K.	1/3	1	2
20 Desimone, N.	2/7	2	9
23 Hurst, L.	4/8	4	8
24 Robinson, C.	1/5	5	3
Team	27/71	28	76

Bethel College	FG	REB	PTS
14 Peters, A.	4/7	20	11
21 McKee, K.	4/6	5	11
23 Seyfred, H.	7/15	1	19
24 Yoder, M.	9/21	8	24
34 Cook, B.	2/10	6	9
3 Rust, A.	0/0	0	0
11 Hoppe, S.	1/2	0	2
12 Ehrsam, K.	0/0	0	0
22 Basinger, B.	0/1	0	0
25 Robbins, J.	1/5	0	5
40 Clark, S.	1/2	1	2
Team	29/69	41	80

Women's Basketball

Bethel College 80, PUC 76

Falling in the final seconds

Women lose sixth game despite hitting 11 3-pointers in the game

Marvin Elroy Jackson III
Staff Writer

The Lady Peregrines came a lay-up short of overtime Tuesday night. The Bethel Lady Pilots prevailed over the Peregrines 80-76 in the first game of Tuesday's double header featuring a 7 p.m. men's game and the women as the matinee.

The contest was tight throughout, but the Peregrines let the deficit grow to 9 with less than four minutes to go in the game. The Peregrines climbed back with tenacious defense and solid rebounding.

PUC (2-6) capitalized on opportunistic turnovers in the backcourt with less than two minutes remaining. Nicci Desimone was fouled while shooting a three-pointer and then calmly sunk all three free-throws tying the game.

The Pilots regained possession on an offensive rebound with less than a minute remaining. Meme Harris forced a turnover with 27 seconds on the clock but missed the contested shot that would have potentially tied the game at 77.

The Pilots made three-of-four of their final free-throws to ice the game. The Peregrines were one lay-up away from taking the Pilots into overtime. It was a perceptible victory after last year when the Pilots beat them by 25 points.

"We're frustrated that we haven't won some of theses games but we know we played well," PUC coach Tom Megyesi said. "We're determined to get it done. We're a work in progress...we were predominately freshmen last year and now we have some freshmen and some sophomores, we know we're going to get better and our day is coming."

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

PUC senior forward LaKeisha Hurst goes up for a shot on Tuesday against Bethel College at the REC Center Gym.

The Lady Pilots out rebound the Peregrines 40-28, as Amber Peters broke the previous Lady Pilots record for boards in a game that stood for 15 years, finishing with 23. Neither team shot exceptionally well, as the Pilots shot 42 percent from the field compared to the Peregrines 38 percent.

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Men

1. Cardinal Stritch	5-2
2. Judson	4-3
3. Trinity Christian	4-3
4. Purdue Noth Central	2-5
5. Trinity Intl.	1-7
6. PUC	**0-5**
7. Cal College	(1-6, 0-1)

Women

1. Cardinal Stritch	4-2
2. Judson	4-3
3. Trinity Int.	2-5
4. PUC	**2-6**
5. Cal College	1-6
6. Trinity Christian	0-8

Up Next:

Men | 11/25 @ IUN 7:30 p.m.
Men | 12/3 @ St. Xavier 7:30 p.m.

Women | 11/25 @ St. Francis 5 p.m.
Women | 12/3 @ Aquinas 7 p.m.